

## THE SAN DIEGO-HOTEL DEL CORONADO MEETING OF THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

*This Year's Annual Meeting.*—Another fiscal year is drawing to a close for the California Medical Association. At San Diego, in the old Hotel Del Coronado, on May the 6th to 9th, the fifty-eighth annual meeting of the California Medical Association will be held. The Committee on Scientific Program states that there is every indication that the papers which will be read at this meeting will be fully up to the splendid standard set in the years gone by. That is not all. In addition to having this meeting at the extreme southwestern corner of the United States, the members of the Association are to have the opportunity to make a visit into a foreign country. On one of the afternoons and evenings a sojourn will be made into Old Mexico. The wonders there to be revealed will be realized only by those who are in actual attendance.

This year a change in the general arrangement of section and other meetings will be tried out, in that practically all section work will proceed promptly throughout the morning hours, so that the afternoons may be given over to entertainment, and the evenings to the business sessions of the House of Delegates, or to social programs.

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*Advantages of Attendance at Annual Sessions.* The advantage of attendance at these annual state meetings is too well known to need emphasis, and is particularly appreciated by all members who on different occasions in the past have availed themselves of the pleasure and benefit which accrues through such attendance. It is a good thing to rub shoulders with one's fellows and colleagues from other portions of California, and in these meetings one has the opportunity of doing this, with a minimum outlay of effort and time.

The month of May is one of the beautiful months of the year in California, and a large number of members will probably use the splendid auto roadways of the state as a means of reaching San Diego and, at the same time, give themselves the pleasure of close-up contact with our glorious California mountains, valleys, and seashore.

It is urged that every member who can, make a special effort to attend this fifty-eighth annual session. Our San Diego colleagues intend to make this year's gathering one of the historic sessions of our state association. Let us do our part by being with them in our actual presence, and to help make the scientific, the business, and the social gatherings a complete success. By such co-operation each of us will be personally benefited, and our Association and its component county units all made stronger.

## STATE TUBERCULOSIS PREVENTORIUMS AND CONVALESCENT CAMPS

*Antituberculosis Propaganda of Twenty-Five Years Ago.*—Members of the California profession who were in practice a quarter of a century ago can vividly recall how strong were drawn the pictures of conditions in Colorado, Arizona, and California, in relation to the large number of

American citizens who, afflicted with tuberculosis, sought relief and cure through residence in the southwestern section of the United States. At that time the different states of the Union were just awakening to their responsibilities to the consumptive poor and were instituting many state sanatoria. Those institutions, with the splendid educational campaign of hygienic-dietetic living which was promulgated through the National Tuberculosis Association and its component state and local units, played very important parts in giving to the American people, both lay and medical, a much better orientation as to the significance and vastness of the tuberculosis problem in its health, social, and economic aspects, than had up to that time been accepted.

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*The Excellence of the California Plan.*—Fortunately for our State of California, though it was somewhat laggard in instituting state aid for the consumptive poor as compared with eastern commonwealths, it worked out a method of approach in the solution of its tuberculosis problems that has seemingly proven to be of special merit. The decision of California not to have one or two large state hospitals for tuberculosis, but instead to look upon the care of the consumptive poor as a community problem, placing the responsibility upon the various counties of the state, was a viewpoint that was discussed in some detail in this column, in the issue of March 1928, page 375.

We of California have reason to be quite proud of the splendid work which our State Board of Health through its Bureau of Tuberculosis has been able to accomplish in the years since the California Tuberculosis Commission brought in its recommendations in the year 1914.

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*Preventorium and Convalescent Homes Part of the State Commission's Original Plan.*—One of the goals which was mentioned in that commission's report was the desirability of preventorium and convalescent homes. During these intervening years the major energies of the State Bureau of Tuberculosis have been largely centralized upon the institution and development of county tuberculosis sanatoria and units, both as regards the construction of the buildings, and in relation to the best methods of maintenance and procedure.

California is now about to embark upon a new expression of interest in the solution of this grave public health problem. Senate Bill No. 487, introduced under the sponsorship of the California Tuberculosis Association, would bring into being state preventorium and state convalescent homes in the different counties of the state, the counties being aided through a revolving fund supplied from the general financial resources of the state.

It is hoped through the institution of such preventorium and convalescent homes to supplement the excellent protective work already in existence. One, by picking up children and other citizens who would in all probability become victims of tuberculosis, and two, by following up the care of citizens who have been treated in county sanatoria or in the tuberculosis units of county hos-